# **PARTNERSHIP TIMELINE**

## Addressing occupational diseases affecting firefighters

#### Fire hall visits



Labour Relations and Workplace Safety (LRWS) officers conducted workplace visits and provided reports to fire halls. The campaign raised awareness of risk exposures.

### **SPFFA** submission



LRWS received a submission from SPFFA to also consider breast cancer, gynecologic malignancies and lymphoma.

## WCB coverage expanded



WCB legislation – Firefighters will be able to file a Workers' Compensation Board (WCB) claim for prostate, skin, breast, cervical and ovarian cancer, as well as multiple myeloma under the occupational disease presumption.

## **Volunteer firefighters**



WCB coverage was expanded for volunteer firefighters to include the same presumptive coverage as professional firefighters.

**July 2017** 

2018

2019

May 2019

2016-17

Aug. 2018

Dec. 2018

Apr. 2019

#### **COMO** review



The Chief Occupational Medical Officer (COMO) at LRWS reviewed information from the Saskatchewan Professional Fire Fighters Association (SPFFA) on presumptive legislation for prostate and skin cancer, as well as multiple myeloma.

#### **Call for amendments**



LRWS developed legislative amend-ments to *The Workers' Compensation Act, 2013* to expand presumptive legislation for firefighter occupational diseases as part of the call for legislation

## Firefighter cancer pilot



WorkSafe commissioned a pilot program with the Firefighter Cancer Consultants, who inspected 15 fire stations, to address an increase in firefighter occupational cancer diagnoses and deaths. Findings were shared with Saskatchewan fire chiefs at their annual convention.

## WorkSafe strategy



WorkSafe's objective, as part of its Fatalities & Serious Injuries Strategy, is to improve firefighter cancer prevention control awareness to reduce the risk of future exposures by 50% by 2021.



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